

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 21 – Members’ Questions

From Cllr Brian Mathew, Box & Colerne

To Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for MCI, Economic Development, Heritage, Arts, Tourism and Health & Wellbeing and Interim Cabinet Member responsible for Finance & Procurement, Commissioning and Commercialisation

Question (22-06)

What plans has Wiltshire Council in coordination with the Lord Lieutenants office to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee?

Response

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022

Wiltshire Council and the Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire are encouraging everyone in the county to come together to celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and make it an event to remember. It is very much a once in a lifetime chance to mark a unique milestone in the nation’s history.

The Queen formally starts to celebrate her personal Platinum Jubilee year from Sunday 6th February, the date of her Accession to the Throne in 1952.

However, the focus of celebrations will take place over the extended Bank Holiday weekend 2 - 5 June. During this period the Queen will be attending a number of official events including Trouping the Colour, a service in St Paul’s Cathedral, and a Concert and Pageant at Buckingham Palace. The Lord-Lieutenant is likely to attend the service at St Paul’s Cathedral.

Locally, there is the opportunity to mark the occasion with a range of activities over the Jubilee weekend. Beacons will be lit on the evening of 2 June, and traditional street parties and parties in local parks or village halls will be held on 4-5 June. Plans and preparations are currently underway in many towns and parishes.

Wiltshire Council is very much supporting and encouraging these local celebrations. In particular, it has provided useful information through the Wiltshire Council website covering issues like public health guidance, external funding available, issues to consider in holding a street party, risk assessments, and road closures.

The Lord-Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants will be attending local events across Wiltshire over the Jubilee weekend. Several invitations have already been received to attend celebration parties and beacon lighting events. The Lord-Lieutenant may also hold a tea party inviting local community guests to attend (to be confirmed). The Lord-Lieutenant has also supported the planting of many special Jubilee trees as part of the 'Queens Green Canopy' initiative, including a tree in the Secret Garden at the Bourne Hill Offices with Registration Services.

It is also likely that the Chairman, Leader and Councillors will be invited to attend many local events during this period.

Jubilee Beacons

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons will form a major part of the celebrations and will be lit in the evening of Thursday 2 June 2022.

In addition, on this day town criers are being asked to make a 'proclamation' announcing the lighting of the beacons together with pipers, buglers and cornet players playing before the beacons are lit. Local choirs from schools, churches and others are also being encouraged to participate to sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth'.

It is hoped local councils, communities, organisations, charities, farms, country estates, historic houses, voluntary groups, and others will participate. Those wishing to take part are being requested to register their participation at [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2022 \(queensjubileebeacons.com\)](https://queensjubileebeacons.com)

Wiltshire Council has provided information and updates on the Beacons to all Town and Parish Councils. So far those that have registered to participate (at end of January 2022) include:

- Old Sarum.
- Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield.
- Amesbury Town Council.
- Netheravon Parish Council.
- Little Somerford Parish Council.
- Latton Parish Council - Playing Field, Latton.
- Melksham Town Council.
- Devizes Town Council – Roundway Hill, The Plantation, Devizes.
- Winterslow Parish Council – Winterslow Recreation Ground, Winterslow.
- All Cannings Parish Council – Cliffords Hill, All Cannings.
- Steeple Langford Parish Council, Steeple Langford.
- West Tisbury Parish Council - Newtown, West Tisbury.
- Burbage Parish Council – Far Lash Open Space, Farlash, Burbage.
- Ham Parish Council – Ham, Marlborough.
- Milton Lilbourne Parish Council – Martinsell Hill.
- The Fonthill Estate – edge of Great Ridge Woods, above village of Chicklade.
- East Knoyle Parish Council – The Windmill, The Green, East Knoyle.
- Westbury Town Council – White Horse Beacon, Westbury.
- Highworth Town Council – Market Square, Highworth.

- Cherhill Parish Council – Cherhill Down, Cherhill, near Marlborough.

Other events

Other events may be arranged including thanksgiving services in churches, firework displays, and military events, especially where The Queen is Colonel in Chief of the Regiment or has previously visited a base.